

FROM OLD MEXICO

English Concerns Working Old Fields in Vera Cruz.

A City of Mexico dispatch says: An English concern has begun working the oil deposits near Papantla in the State of Vera Cruz, with every prospect of good success. The reported oil deposit near Grijalva river, in the State of Tabasco, will be operated soon. There is much interest in the oil industry here.

Voz de Mexico, the clerical organ, says that President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, in the recent address to the American nation, which is meditating the spoliation of Mexico.

Correo Espanol, the organ of the Spanish colony, remarks that even the United States, the secret ally of England, troubles to secure the abrogation of the unfavorable parts of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The clerical press, as well as the rest of the native papers, still advocates the cause of the American nation, which is meditating the spoliation of Mexico.

It is reported that a powerful New York syndicate will endeavor to effect entrance into the banking field here by purchasing a controlling interest in one of the leading banks, and that the representatives of the syndicate are on the way to this city to complete the deal begun some time ago by correspondence.

A City Girl's Poultry Farm.

She was decidedly a clever girl with success written on her face. But a few years of studio life had dimmed the glow of cheek and eyes. Rest and relaxation had been ordered, but how could she afford either? Of course there was the old place in the country, but she would die of ennui there. Then came a bright suggestion; kill two birds with one stone—rest and make a fortune raising chickens! So she tried it for two years, and found her poultry farm so much more remunerative than her studio had been that she renounced the latter entirely except as a luxury. Now she would not exchange her independence and health for any amount of transitory glory. Her experience may contain some hints for others who contemplate a like experiment.

First of all she secured all possible information on the subject, practical and scientific—for there is science in raising chickens. Next she decided upon a small building, and put aside \$150 as capital to invest at the outset. Most of this was spent upon the home for the feathered community.

Some distance from the house a shed was built for the young chicks. This nursery consisted of about a dozen coops, five by two feet. One half of each coop was dark, for a sleeping room, and floored; the other light, with sand-floor and exits for the tenants. The whole was protected by the shed.

On the other side of the house were a number of nests for setting hens. These were thick boxes with a door on one side. All buildings were whitewashed, and the floor of the chicken house covered with dust for dust baths, and this needs to be changed every week.

When the little chicks began to break the shells they were left undisturbed for twenty-four hours, then removed to a coop and given their first meal.

Provisions were purchased wholesale, and everything was conducted upon business principles. No deontology or home trades were done. One good market was found and shipments made regularly. Attention was devoted especially to the sale of eggs in winter, and of young chickens in spring and summer. The eggs were supplied the first year by 200 pullets—all home bred. The next season the business was undertaken on a much larger scale.—Margaret R. Sangster in Collier's Weekly.

What Credit Cost.

Sometimes a credit man goes all wrong, but not often, says the Chicago Evening Post. A country merchant came up from Indiana with a written list of things he wanted. He said he was new to the business, but he meant to have a partner who was wise. After he had picked out goods to the amount of \$2000 he was introduced to the credit man, and he looked so unconfident and inefficient that the credit man wondered how good clerks had been wasting their time on him.

"What terms do you want Mr.—?" he stopped and the visitor supplied the name.

"Well, down in our country we always pay after harvest."

"But harvest is past. You don't mean next harvest—in 1900—do you?"

"Well, that's when my people will pay me."

"Oh, we couldn't do that. Ninety days is the very best I could give you."

And even at that he wanted to know a great many things about his visitor's prospects.

"How much if I pay all in sixty days?"

"The credit man quoted the terms."

"How much in thirty?"

A discount was mentioned.

"How much for cash?"

"Yes—currency."

It was a wild question. The credit man knew he had no chance to get \$2,000 out of that man, and he quoted a beautiful discount.

"Well, receipt the bill," was the countryman's rejoinder. And out from the folds of a \$3 suit of clothes he dragged money enough to buy a yacht and run it all summer.

He didn't put on much style, but he "figured" he saved the expenses of his Chicago trip.

Cowboys Who Have Wealth.

Life on a Texas cattle ranch has claimed two more devotees from the cultured homes in the East. Wendell A. Van Hook and William G. Theurer, members of wealthy Pittsburgh families, were at the Denechard hotel on Monday on their way to Uvalde, Texas, on the Southern Pacific, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"I am going out for my health," said Mr. Van Hook, "and Theurer is going to keep me company. That is about the conditions on which we desert the East and take to the open air life of the plains."

Both these young men are well read, college educated and refined Pennsylvanians, and in their taking to cattle punching in Texas lurks a story of strange and peculiar interest that fits

the case of hundreds of others who leave the eastern centers of learning and commerce to become plain, everyday cattlemen on the windy stock reserves of the west.

"Hundreds of young men from the east are leaving their homes for ranch life," suggested Mr. Van Hook. "There seems to be a sort of romantic fascination about the life that leads them on."

"How do they manage to secure these jobs, as a usual thing?" was asked.

"Usually by chance, or a happen-so, except where eastern men are interested in stock ranches financially. In Texas, for instance, a large per cent of the stock farms are owned by eastern capitalists, who reside in New York or elsewhere over there. They have sons who wish to try the experience or else their friends have sons who make application. Thus the possibility of securing a position is extended ad infinitum. In our case we have not made definite arrangements, but know some ranchmen and think it will be all right."

"Do many of the eastern boys remain in the business?"

"More than you would ever think. They get out there and are charmed with the rough, easy-going existence, far away from swallow-tail coats and social functions. They become enamored with the existence and would not leave it for anything in the world. I should say a large per cent of the young fellows remain on the plains, endeared to the lannel shirts, the leather leggings, high-topped boots and cowboy hat."

"But are they successful as cattle raisers?"

"I know of many who have become wealthy at it in a few years. The Eaton boys of Pittsburg went to a ranch near Denver, Colo., one time just for the experience and in a short time they owned an immense place of their own, with thousands of head of cattle. Their ranch is now a popular resort for Pittsburgers to spend vacations and get a taste of Western life. I have known as high as fifty fellows to be at the Eaton ranches at a single time. Theurer and I think we will like it at Uvalde, and I believe we may stay some time."

NEW MEXICO MASONS.

Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Masons Order Flourishing.

The proceedings of the first and second annual convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico, held in Albuquerque, have just been published, and are now distributed by the grand secretary of that body, A. A. Keen. The grand chapter was organized in Albuquerque and the first and second sessions thereof were held there October 3, 1898, and October 4, 1899. The officers of the grand chapter for this year are the following:

John W. Poe, Roswell, grand high priest.

Eugene Cosgrove, Silver City, deputy grand high priest.

John Corbin, Deming, grand king.

L. H. Chamberlain, Albuquerque, grand scribe.

J. H. Wroth, Albuquerque, grand treasurer.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, grand secretary.

Elias S. Stover, Albuquerque, grand lecturer.

Rev. F. Bennett, Albuquerque, grand chaplain.

C. T. Duncan, Socorro, grand chaplain of the best.

E. A. Cahoon, Roswell, grand principal sejourner.

Frank Henning, Raton, grand royal arch captain.

J. J. Kelley, Silver City, master of the third veil.

Louis Hofmeister, Las Vegas, master of the second veil.

A. H. Hardie, Silver City, master of the first veil.

A. M. Whitcomb, Albuquerque, sentinel.

The returns show that there are eight subordinate chapters in the territory, with an affiliated membership of 405 Royal Arch Masons, located as follows: Santa Fe No. 1, Santa Fe; Silver City No. 2, Silver City; Las Vegas No. 3, Las Vegas; Rio Grande No. 4, Albuquerque; Deming No. 5, Deming; Raton No. 6, Raton; Columbia No. 7, Roswell, and Signet, under dispensation at Carlsbad. The order is in a flourishing condition, and has increased during the past year, both in membership and in funds. The next annual convocation will be held in Albuquerque on the first Tuesday of October, 1900.

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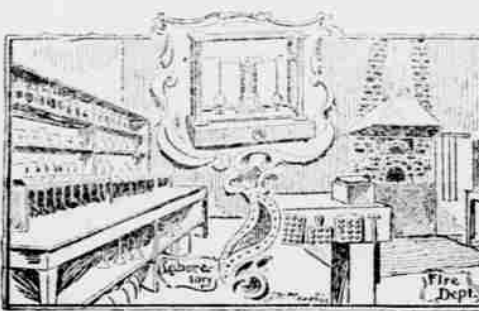
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